MEMBER : ഈസംഗതി ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് ഒരിക്കൽ പറഞ്ഞതാണു്.

DEWAN : ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് ഒരു മെമ്പരോടു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ ഒരേസംഗതി ഒന്നരണ്ടുതവണ പറയേണ്ടതായി വന്നേയ്ക്കാം. എല്ലാം ഉടനടി സാധിച്ചു എന്നു വരികയില്ലല്ലൊ.

MEMBER : മീനച്ചൽതാലൂക്കിൽ വലിയ ക്ഷാമമാണു്. ചിട്ടികഠംമുഴവനും മുടങ്ങിയിരിക്കുന്നു. അതിനാൽ ഈ പാലങ്ങളം കെട്ടാനുള്ള ജോലി ഇപ്പോൾ തുടങ്ങുന്നപക്ഷം പാവപ്പെട്ടവക്കു തൊഴിൽ കിട്ടും

DEWAN : ആലോചിക്കാം.

[As I have already said in reply to another member, a design for a high level bridge has been called for. Many of the ryots' roads are not fit to be assumed for maintenance departmentally. If the roads specified by you are fit to be taken up under the rules, they will be taken up by the P. W. D. for maintenance. The site for the market is under correspondence. It may happen that the representation on a subject may have to be made more than once, as it will not be possible to attend to everything all at once. The question of taking up the construction of the bridge early in view of what you urge about the prevailing economic depression in the Minachil taluk will be considered.]

130. Needs of the Minachil taluk.

MR. P. S. HASSAN SAHIB (*Nominated*), who made his representation in Malayalam, spoke on the following needs of the Minachil taluk :—

A Mahomedan Vernacular Primary School should be established at Erattupetta.

A Vernacular Primary School for girls should be established at Erattupetta. The school would be useful to the *karas* of Thalappuram, Kondur, Thidanad, Perunilam and Nadakkal.

Steps should be taken for the market at Erattupetta being converted into a public market. The necessary lands should be acquired and added to the present site of the market.

Erattupetta was fast becoming an important agricultural and commercial centre. Besides, there were some public institutions there. It should be made a major conservancy station.

Government had sanctioned the construction of a bridge at Palai in the place of the bridge which was washed away by the floods of 1104. Some amount was provided for the work in the last budget, but the Government seemed to have issued instructions for the work being held in abeyance. As the bridge was very necessary to the people, it s construction should be started immediately.

People migrated to the eastern parts of the taluk for cultivating lands and opening plantations and a road connecting those areas with the High Ranges was recently opened through Lalam and Poonjar. A bridge was very necessary on that road near Erattupetta and it should be constructed. Another bridge at Erattupetta on the Erattupetta-Kanjirapalli road was also an urgent necessity.

The Erattupetta-Arakulam road should be converted into a cart road. The adjacent places had become very populous.

A road should be opened between Minachil and Peermade by extending the Poonjar road up to Peermade. The road would add materially to the convenience of the people.

The Bharananganam Sub-Registry Office should be immediately transferred to Erattupetta. The transfer had already been sanctioned by Government.

The bi-weekly dispensary at Erattupetta should be converted into a full-time dispensary and a Sub-Assistant Surgeon and staff should be appointed there.

A grant should be awarded to the reading room established and maintained by the Muslims at Erattupetta. Grants were usually sanctioned to similar institutions established elsewhere.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങളുടെ നിവേദനത്തിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള സംഗതികളെയെല്ലാം ഗവണ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും ആലോചിച്ചു വേണ്ടതു പ്രവൃത്തിക്കാം.

പാലായിലുള്ള പാലത്തെപ്പറ്റി മറ്റു മെമ്പർമാർ പറഞ്ഞതുപോലെ നിങ്ങളും പറഞ്ഞു. കഴിയുന്നതും വേഗത്തിൽ ആ പാലം പണിക്കു ഏർപ്പാടുചെയ്യാം.

പിന്നാട്ട ഒരു ലൈബ്രറിക്കു ഗ്രാൻറു കൊടുക്കണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷിക്കയുണ്ടായി. ആ ലൈബ്രറിയിൽ നിന്നും ഇതേവരെ ഗ്രാൻറു കിട്ടണമെന്നു അപേക്ഷവന്നിട്ടില്ല. ലൈബ്രറിയിൽ നിന്നും രൂപസന്നറിച്ചു് അപേക്ഷിച്ചാൽ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഗൌനിച്ചു രൂപസനുവദിക്കുന്ന ഗ്രാൻറു കൊടുക്കാം.

ഈരാറുപേട്ടയിൽ ഒരുഹൈടയിം ഡിസ്പെൻസറി വേണമെന്നുപറഞ്ഞു. അതു ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു വിഷയമാണു. ഒരുപക്ഷേ അധികം താമസിക്കാതെ അതു നടപ്പിലാകും.

അതുപോലെതന്നെ ഈരാറുപേട്ടയിൽ ഒരു കൺസർവെൻസി സ്റ്റേഷൻ വേണമെന്നുപറഞ്ഞു. അതും ഗവണ്മെൻറിൻെറ ആലോചനയിൽ ഇരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു വിഷയമാണു്. അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചും താമസിയാതെ ഉത്തരവുണ്ടാകും.

[Your representation will be carefully considered and suitable action taken. In regard to the bridge at Palai, the matter will be taken up early. If the authorities of the library apply under the rules, grant will be given if admissible. The question of a full time dispensary at Erattupetta is engaging attention and it may materialise soon. Orders will also issue without delay about the establishment of a major conservancy station at Erattupetta.]

131. Needs of the Todupuzha taluk.

MR. PARIATHU PAKIRDEEN (*Todupuzha taluk*), speaking in Malayalam, urged that the Todupuzha English Middle School should be raised to the High School standard. After finishing the Middle School course, numerous children discontinued studies on account of the absence of a High School in the place. The economic condition of the people did not permit them to send their children to the High Schools in distant places. The existing school building was erected by the people and handed over to the Department. There were only 167 pupils on the rolls of the school and many were refused admission for lack of accommodation. There was a proposal to construct an additional building for the use of the school. Advantage should be taken of that opportunity to open High School classes in the school. The backwardness of the Todupuzha taluk was due mostly to the lack of educational facilities in the taluk.

Class VII should be opened in the Todupuzha Girls' School from the beginning of the school year 1931-32. That would be in accordance with the agreement come to when the school building was constructed by the people.

A Mahomedan school should be established at Todupuzha, which was a Muslim centre, for inducing the members of the community to take to education. Formerly, there was such a school in the taluk.

Epidemics were prevalent among the cattle of the taluk. Todupuzha was served by the Perumbavur and Minachil Veterinary Hospitals which were situated 24 miles and 17 miles away, respectively. The Personal Assistant to the Director of Agriculture who conducted an enquiry into the veterinary needs of the taluk, was satisfied that there was ample need for a veterinary hospital at Todupuzha. Accordingly, such an institution should be opened at the place.

The *Kuthakaj attom* levied on cardamom lands, which were leased for 20 years, was Rs. 4 per acre. The rate was high and should be reduced to Rs. 2, the former rate. The price of cardamoms had gone down considerably. The franchise rights available to ordinary tax payers were not available to the assignees of cardamom lands. The inequality should be removed. For the sale of the rights over cardamom lands, the permission of the Conservator of Forests was necessary. That restriction should be done away with.

The condition of the means of communication in the taluk was very deplorable. The roads were not kept in repair in any season of the year though the total length of the roads in the taluk was only 60 miles.